seasonal variation in its occurrence. The number of cases of chickenpox reported at Infectious Diseases Hospital, Delhi during the last one year, month-wise is as under:—

Sl.No.	Month/Year	No. of cases
1.	July, 2002	43
2.	August, 2002	71
3.	September, 2002	75
4.	October, 2002	73
5.	November, 2002	209
6.	December, 2002	326
7.	January, 2003	231
8.	February, 2003	83
9.	March, 2003	122
10.	April, 2003	109
11.	May, 2003	116
12.	June, 2003	124

In most cases, chickenpox occurs as a self-limiting disease, and is rarely fatal. It is spread from person to person through the air. There is no specific treatment for the disease apart from managing symptoms such as fever. The control measures include isolation and disinfection of articles used by the patient. Facilities for treatment of chickenpox and its complications are available in all tertiary care hospitals in the country. However, one attack of chickenpox gives lifelong immunity to the person and a second attack is rare.

Expansion of Automobile Industry

†*213.SHRI LAJPAT RAI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the assessment Government have made regarding the pace of development and expansion of the industry related to manufacture of automobiles in the country during the last five years; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) the production of cars in the country during the year 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03, separately, and the details of the export made during each year of the said period?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SUBODH MOHITE): (a) There has been a steady growth of automobile industry in India in recent years. The rate of growth of production in the automobile sector during the last five years has been 5.4% in 1998-99, 15.0% in 1999-2000 (-) 2% in 2000-2001, 11.70% in 2001-2002 and 18.60% in 2002-03. The industry has also performed well on the export front after the liberalization. The exports of Automobiles during the same period have grown @ (-) 16.63%, (-) 12.18%, 20.24%, 9.74% and 65.35% respectively. Industry has achieved a growth of 10.53% in production and 79.08% in exports during the first quarter of the current year.

(b) The production and export of cars during the last three years is as under:—

(in numbers)

Item	Year		
	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Production	513415	564052	606088
Export	22990	50088	70547

Monkey disease

*214. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the summer scourage of Malnad region in Karnataka, the Kyasanur Forest Disease (KFD) or Monkey disease has claimed 10 lives and left 253 people ill;

(b) if so, the number of the affected people during the past three years;

(c) the steps taken by Government for prevention of this disease and amount spent so far during the past five years; and

(d) whether any special grant is proposed to be provided for eradication of this disease and if so, the details thereof?